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The Bamboo Restaurant Reemerges

A slice of Kentwood's culinary past revealed

By NIKKI TAYLOR • Tangi Times Contributor

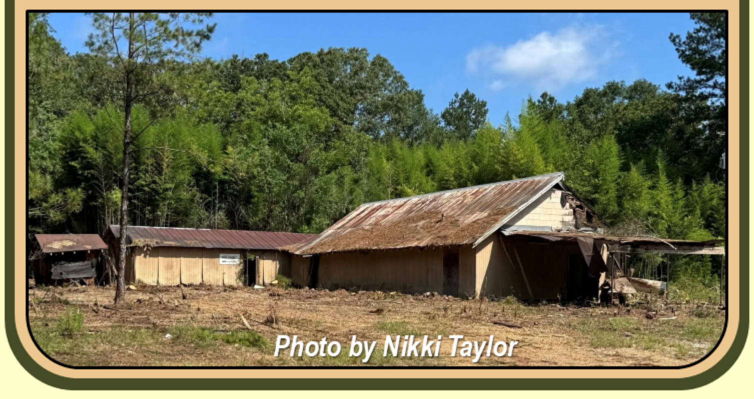

Photo by Nikki Taylor

For years, locals have swapped stories about the glory days of Kentwood's dining scene – when Friday and Saturday nights meant packed parking lots, long lines, and the kind of meals that brought families and friends together around a table. Now, one of those beloved establishments has resurfaced in a surprising and nostalgic way.

Nestled along Hwy 51, just north of town, The Bamboo Catfish and Steak House — long closed and nearly forgotten — has been uncovered once again. Recent clearing of overgrown brush and bamboo has revealed the structure, still standing in quiet dignity, as if waiting to serve guests once more.

It stopped me in my tracks as I passed by today. Locals haven't seen that building in years, but as soon as it came into view, the memories came flooding back — the smell of fried catfish, the laughter, the waiting room packed with people. You couldn't get a seat on a weekend without a wait, but it was worth every minute.

The Bamboo Restaurant was once part of a trio of dining landmarks in Kentwood that included Skinney's and The Hitching Post. Locals still speak of them with fondness and hunger. Each had its own charm and loyal crowd, and together they formed the heart of the town's social life in the '80s and '90s.

While the exact date of The Bamboo's closure remains unclear, it has been years — possibly decades — since it last served a plate. Nature had nearly reclaimed the building, with thick bamboo and forest growth hiding it from view. But now, with the underbrush cleared away, it stands once again — weathered, but proud.

It's a piece of our town's story. You look at it now, and sure, it's rough around the edges, but it's still there. That means something.

For now, as vehicles drive by on Hwy 51, they're greeted by a quiet but powerful reminder of what once was — a hometown favorite that served more than just food. The Bamboo Catfish and Steak House served memories, and they're still being savored.

Knowledge Is Power

A free workshop on self-defense response

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times Community Journalist

Most people who train for self-defense focus on the moment of crisis – when you or a loved one is in danger, and you're forced to act.

But what happens after that moment? That's the focus of an upcoming free workshop in Ponchatoula that could make all the difference in your future.

Set for Sunday, June 29, from 5:15 to 7:15pm, this two-hour session at Apocalypse Sports & Indoor Shooting Range promises to tackle a subject many avoid: the legal and emotional aftermath of using self-defense.

Whether you carry a firearm or simply want to better protect your family, this workshop is designed to help you develop a critical response plan for those first few chaotic minutes after an incident.

Led by certified instructors from the US Concealed Carry Association, the workshop covers what your body will experience during a high-stress encounter, why your judgment may be clouded after the fact, and how your words can affect your legal standing. This includes what to say – and what not to say – when dialing 911 or speaking with law enforcement officers at the scene.

Attendees will learn about six things that are guaranteed to happen when police arrive, no matter the outcome of the confrontation. Understanding these steps ahead of time can mean the difference between returning home and facing legal consequences.

The workshop also includes Q&A, giving participants the chance to ask questions and clear up any confusion they may have about their rights and responsibilities. All are encouraged to bring questions and something to take notes with.

While the topic is serious, the goal of the event is empowerment – not fear. It's about making sure that if you ever find yourself in a position to defend your life, you're just as prepared for what comes after the incident as you are for the threat itself.

This event is free, but space is limited; so be sure to register online at www.usconcealedcarry.com

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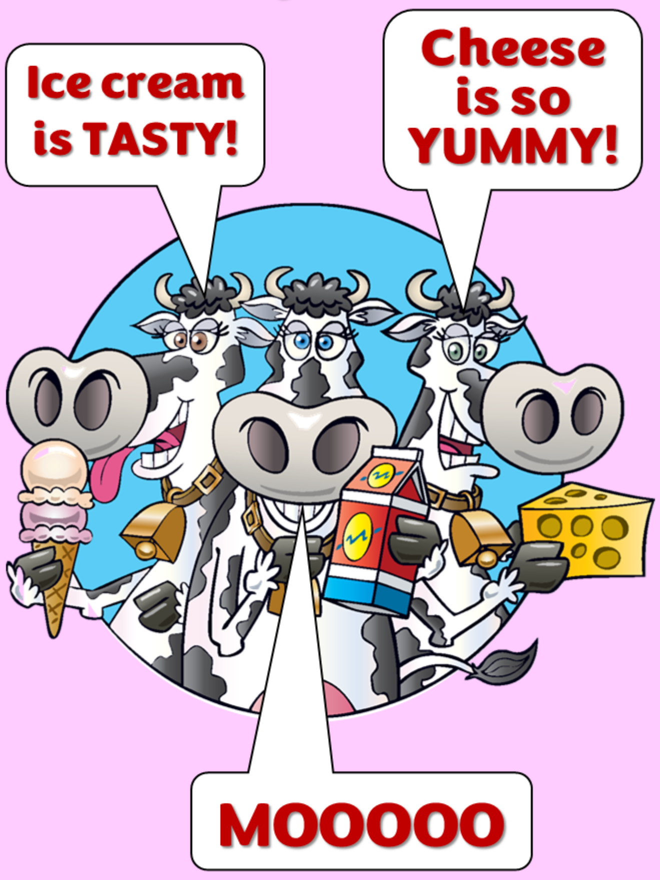
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Just Saying

MEME MOJO

My toxic trait is believing that any wild animal I see would love to come home with me and live for eternity in my house as a pet.

PALINDROME *du jour*

Yo, banana boy!

A palindrome is a word, phrase, or sentence that reads the same backward as it does forward. If you have a favorite palindrome, send it to publisher@tangitimes.com.

Back in My Day

By
Burl "Two-Toes" Jenkins

Back in my day, summer didn't come with no "heat advisories" or "cooling centers." If it was hot, you just dealt with it – or passed out tryin'.

We didn't have central air. We had central sweat. The whole house smelled like Vicks, feet, and desperation from June to September.

You wanna know how we cooled off? We'd sit under the porch with a box fan so loud it sounded like a lawnmower tryin' to learn French.

Maw Maw would hand out wet washrags like they were party favors, and we'd drape 'em over our necks while pretending we weren't melting. If it got real bad, we'd pile into T-Boy's bait shop and act like we were interested in worms just so we could loiter by the cooler.

One time I sat in the ice machine. Nearly froze my britches off but I'd do it again.

We didn't have no kiddie pools. We had a washtub out back and a garden hose with water so cold it'd baptize your soul.

And if you were lucky, someone's uncle had a truck bed with a tarp and enough duct tape to turn it into a redneck water park. Slide around too much and you'd get a tetanus shot and a story to tell.

Nowadays, folks got fancy sunscreen and portable misting fans. Back in my day, we had a baseball cap and a warning not to fall asleep on the tin roof.

Sunburns were a rite of passage. I once peeled so bad, my little brother tried to use my shoulder skin as a bookmark. Said it was "leathery but reliable."

We'd eat popsicles so fast we'd get brain freeze, then complain about it while immediately eating another one. Maw Maw made homemade ones with Kool-Aid, toothpicks, and ice cube trays. Half the time they stuck and you had to gnaw them out with your molars like a possum eating a tomato through a tennis racket.

And the bugs? Lord have mercy. The mosquitos were so big they had names and social security numbers. You didn't slap 'em, you negotiated with 'em. "Take a little blood, just leave my earlobe."

But we survived. We thrived. We smelled like citronella and sweat, but we knew how to have a good time. All you needed was a cold drink, a little shade, and somebody to tell you you were being dramatic when you said you saw the devil in the heat shimmer.

So if you're feeling toasty, remember – at least you ain't sittin' in a rusted lawn chair with your thighs stuck to the metal, prayin' for a breeze and wonderin' if the neighbor's sprinkler will hit your yard.

See y'all next week – unless I stick to this lawn chair and become part of the patio.

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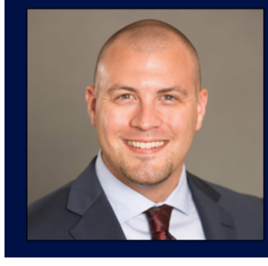

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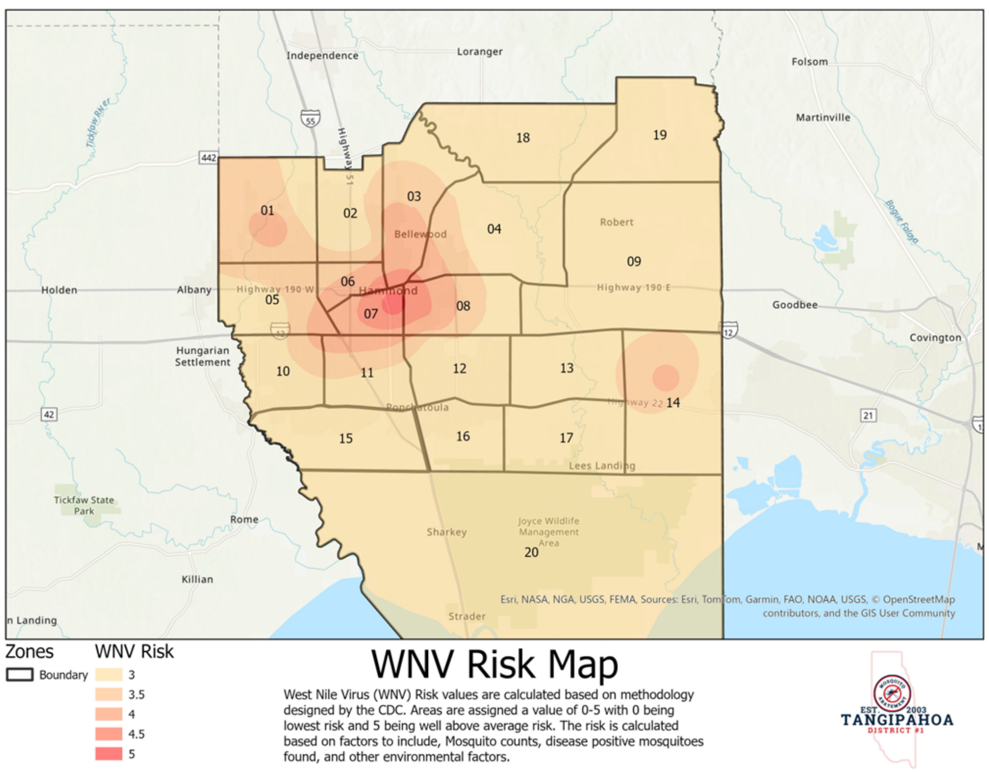
West Nile Virus Detected in Seven Samples Last Week



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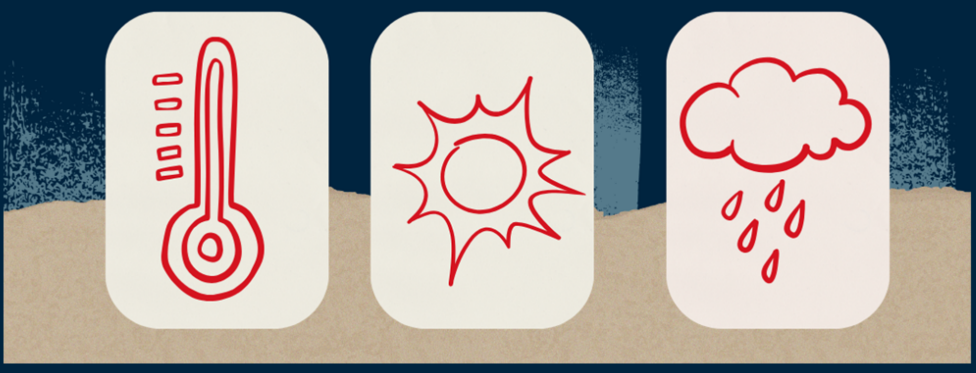
WNV Risk Map

West Nile Virus (WNV) Risk values are calculated based on methodology designed by the CDC. Areas are assigned a value of 0-5 with 0 being lowest risk and 5 being well above average risk. The risk is calculated based on factors to include, Mosquito counts, disease positive mosquitoes found, and other environmental factors.

How Environmental Conditions Affect Mosquitoes

Environmental factors can play an important role in the transmission of West Nile Virus. Rainfall can create an optimal habitat for mosquitoes, including those that transmit WNV. Additionally, rising temperatures can speed up larval hatch-offs, allowing mosquito numbers to multiply quickly.



DEFENSE INSIDE THE LEVELS

LEVEL 3
Routine mosquito defense. Remove standing water & empty your trash, removing all possible breeding sites.

LEVEL 3.5
Use previous steps & consider using mosquito repellent.

LEVEL 4
Use previous steps & consider wearing light-colored clothing. Mosquitoes are attracted to dark colors..

LEVEL 4.5
Use previous steps & consider wearing long sleeves.

LEVEL 5
Use previous steps & consider limiting your time outdoors during dawn & dusk.

ATTENTION

Pay attention to the levels of "DEET" or "picaridin" to understand how long the repellent will last.

<10% DEET & PICARIDIN : 1-2 HOURS
~15% DEET & PICARIDIN : 2-4 HOURS
~20%-50% DEET : 5-8 HOURS

For more information about West Nile Virus, please visit:
https://www.cdc.gov/west-nile-virus/about/index.html

SLITHERY THINGS

So misunderstood!

By Kevin Hood
Louisiana Snake ID

Snakes NEVER Want to Bite!

Sure, bites happen, but it's never anything other than the last resort from an animal trying to protect itself from a giant predator. This realization will help you understand that snakes are more scared of us than we are of them, and THAT can help you gain a healthy respect for them.

Sure, it feels great to walk barefoot in the grass to ground yourself with the earth, but you should always check your surroundings first. A bee or wasp can give you a painful sting, a piece of glass can send you to the urgent care to get stitches and a shot, a rusty nail will cause you pain in your foot and in your arm when you get a tetanus shot, and a snake bite can send you to the ER.

Be sure to check where you step first! Most snake bites happen because people aren't watching where they step or grab (always poke a brush pile with a rake or stick to be sure there's not a snake hiding there) or when they are trying to kill a snake.

Wearing proper footwear outside is important. Closed toe shoes or boots when walking in or near the woods instead of barefoot or flip-flops is always the best choice to avoid a painful accident. Remember, snakes don't have arms and legs so their only option if stepped on or grabbed is to bite.

Venomous bites are no joke, but deaths are extremely rare in the US. Each year, we average over 50 dog bite related deaths per year in the US and only 4-5 deaths from snake bites. Antivenom is expensive but is typically readily available in the US, so always seek medical attention if you have been bitten by a venomous snake.

Follow these tips if you do receive a venomous bite.

1. REMAIN CALM. Venom goes into our blood, which is accelerated when the heart rate increases, so remain as calm as possible to minimize how far the venom travels.

2. Remove any constricting objects near the bite like a watch, ring, bracelet, shoe, sock, etc. You will more than likely have pain and swelling near the bite.

3. DO NOT use a tourniquet. While we don't want our heart beating fast to circulate the venom too far, we also don't want to isolate it into a small area, as it can cause severe tissue damage in the affected area, possibly resulting in amputation.

4. Head to your nearest ER, but DO NOT bring the snake! All they need to know is if it was a coral snake or not. A picture of the snake, if possible, will be very helpful.

5. Reach out to us at Louisiana Snake ID (www.louisianasnakeid.com) and we can help get you in touch with some of the world's leading venom toxicologists.

Why did I say snakes NEVER want to bite? Let's talk about how valuable venom is to our venomous snakes.

Venom takes quite a bit of energy to produce and it's basically the only way for a venomous snake to acquire food. None of our native snakes will ever confuse us with food; we're entirely too large, and we're also their largest predators.

If snakes know that we're not food and their venom is the only way they can get their food, it doesn't make any sense for a venomous snake to purposely waste their venom on us. Again, bites do happen, but a snake is never going to seek you out to bite you, especially the venomous ones.

Check back next week to learn more about our slithery friends. If you spot one, admire it from a distance – they're quite fascinating!

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Rodney M. Owens; 71; Albany; June 14; survived by his sons, Rodney Owens, Jr. and Blake Owens (Larrilyn); grandchildren, Karleigh, Kayden, and Bryson Owens and Eli; brothers, Max Owens (Barbara) and Paul Owens (Margo); and his sister, Lily Owens Williams (Mitch).

Rita Harrison Bass; 78; Hammond; June 14; survived by her daughter, Tangee Daugereaux; granddaughter, Sadie Daugereaux; best friend, Rhonda Barbier; godson, Blair Barbier (Lacie); their children, Cate, Allie and Leah; stepdaughter, Jennifer Bass Levitts (Chris); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Delta Varnell Kovach; 71; Albany; June 15; survived by her husband, Frank Kovach Jr.; daughter, Bridgett K. Mack (Shane); sister, Glenva Puma; sister, Shirley Hoback (Vernon); grandchildren, Dylan Shane Mack and Annabelle Elyse Mack; and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Linda and David Robb.

Lena “Bitsy” Balfantz; 75; Maurepas; June 16; survived by her husband, Stanley Balfantz; daughter, Kelli Brown (Mike); grandchildren, Kayla McCormick, Zachary McCormick (Emily), Keegan, Saylor, and Brogyn Marchand; step-grandchild, Emily Brown; siblings, Emelda Fontenot and Nolan Delatte; son-in-law, Kel Marchand; and numerous extended family and friends.

Randy Elvis Freeman; 71; Loranger; June 16; survived by his children, Chad Freeman, Rita Carpenter (Barry), and Renade Bergeron; grandchildren, Heath, Kayla (Ben), Barry Jr. (Krystal), Mallorie-Paige (Keaton), Jon-Luke, David, Jennifer, and Shirley (Eric); three great-grandchildren; siblings, George Freeman Jr., Susan McMillan, Steven Freeman, and Dorothy Freeman-Vigus; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Margaret “Lavone” Campbell Welch; 84; Kentwood; June 16; survived by her husband Charles Welch; daughters, Kim McNabb (Mike) and Stephanie Pedigo (Stewart); grandchildren, Dennis Pedigo, Leslie Pedigo, Christopher McNabb (Brita), and Landon McNabb; and great-grandchildren, Evy, Audrey, Haidyn, Amilya, Maddox, Parker, Paige, and Paxton.

Theodore Glore II; 58; Kentwood; June 16; survived by his parents, Theodore Glore, I and Auga Glore; daughters, Kelly Glore Chamberline and Teshla Glore McMannus; eight grandchildren; sisters, Sonia Acosta, Heidi Brewer, Dawn Welch, and Melissa Dencausse; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

Pearl Barber; 86; Kentwood; June 16; survived by her son, Bruce Lowery (Tina); grandchildren, Brian Lowery (Cheryl), Heather Dunaway, Corenda Barrett, and Sara Lowery; eleven great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; brothers, Ted (Patty) and Jack Amerson; and sisters, Dott Amerson and Debbie Amerson.

Teri Jean Bridges Hanks; 71; Greensburg; June 17; survived by her daughter, Haley Conleay (Josh); grandchildren, Wyatt, Jocelyn, and Jarrett Conleay; brothers, Marshall, Reggie, Brad (Janet), and David Bridges; sisters, Connie Varden (Lanny) and Mona Stewart (Paul); and numerous nieces and nephews.

James ‘Jim’ Michael Gray; 75; Tickfaw; June 17; survived by his wife, Carolyn ‘Carol’ Sciortino Gray; children, James ‘Jim’ Gray, Jr. (Wendi) and Tracey Addison (Stephen); grandchildren, Justin, Emily, Katie, and Alyssa; great-grandson, Jackson; and many extended family members.

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4th week of June

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Nothing is too much for you to handle right now, Aries. But don't take on even more as a way to prove something to someone. That could be a recipe for trouble.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Your physical energy is strong right now, Taurus. This may work to your advantage regarding your relationship. Your desire for love and passion is intense right now, so explore it.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Matters of the heart may need a little work right now, Gemini. If things haven't been going too smoothly, you might have to examine the dynamics of the relationship and make changes.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
You have an incredible passion for life, Cancer. It's attracting friends and family members into your circle. Partner with someone who shares your energy.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, if things aren't going smoothly at work, be careful about blaming yourself. You need to look at the bigger picture and figure out who all the players are in this situation.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, even when others may count you out, you can be full of surprises. Do not let a recent success go entirely to your head, however. You still have a lot of work to do.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, even though you may like to plan ahead and take things slowly, sometimes you need to throw caution to the wind. When an opportunity all but falls in your lap, run with it.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, recent conflicts may ignite some mixed feelings, which could prove confusing. Think about solutions that potentially benefit all around you, including yourself.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
You might not be having the best luck right now, Sagittarius, but things can change quickly. Keep your chin up and your eyes set on your goal. Networking may help you move forward.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, if you have any health questions, make an appointment to talk to someone right away. It is important to stay ahead of things.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Something that has been taking up a bulk of your time is finally coming to a close, Aquarius. This will be a big relief and a lot of stress will be lifted in the process.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
People keep coming up to you expecting all of the answers, Pisces. Don't feel pressured to please everyone. Right now you may be content to enjoy some alone time.

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A Wild Encounter at the Audubon Regional Library

On July 18, almost 50 attendees enjoyed an interesting wildlife presentation when Magnolia Wilds came out to the St. Helena Branch of the Audubon Regional Library. They showed off some interesting animals, taught the attendees about each one and what made them unique, and then the kids got to take pictures with one of the animal ambassadors after the program was over!

Penelope,
the Three-banded Armadillo

Toothless,
the Blue-tongued Skink

Rose,
the Pink Crested Cockatoo

Pinky,
the Axolotyl

TANGI GUMBO

A little bit of everything you need to know

Green Wave Baseball picked up two more dominating wins over the past couple of weeks, defeating E.D. White 15-5 on June 9 and Covington 11-4 last Tuesday. Against E.D. White, the Wave used a six-run fifth inning to help secure the win with a two-run double from Jeremiah Bess and two-run singles from Tatum Stafford and Breck Remondet. Colton Boudreaux finished 3-3 with two singles and a triple. Lane Trosclair earned the win on the mound for the Wave, giving up two runs on five hits over three innings, striking out four batters. Against Covington, the bottom of the order for the Wave shined. Israel Cutrer, Wyatt Wells, and Fisher Alford scored four runs and drove in two. A huge nine-run sixth inning also propelled the Wave to victory capitalized by RBI singles from Breck Remondet and Gage Walker. Lane Trosclair earned the win on the mound, giving up only one hit over three innings striking out four batters.

#TeamTangi, in partnership with the Regional Planning Commission, invites the public to attend an open forum meeting on Thursday, June 26, to consider a host of possibilities for the Firetower Road/LA 445 corridor between Robert and Bedico. This is a great opportunity to share your input as we prepare for continued growth in this area. Attendees will be able to view project materials, engage with the project team, and provide feedback on transportation needs and corridor improvements. Make plans to join us!

Three Arrested in Dual-Agency Drug Investigation

From TPSO

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO), in collaboration with the Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control (ATC), has arrested a convenience store owner and his employees after a routine inspection uncovered dozens of illegal products on the shelves along with a larger-scale narcotics operation.

Sunny Mehra, 20, has been booked with two counts of Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana and THC, along with one count each of Conspiracy to Distribute a Schedule I Controlled Dangerous Substance and Possession with Intent to Distribute a Hallucinogenic Compound.

Paras Khullar, 20, and Sat Pal, 47, were booked on the same charges, but both received an additional charge of Obstruction of Justice.

Earlier this week, an ATC agent, conducting a routine inspection, contacted TPSO after discovering a large amount of illegal products on the shelves of the Stop & Shop on Happywoods Road. The items included marijuana cigarettes and gummies suspected to contain THC, Kratom capsules, and bottles of a product known to replicate the effects of opioids.

As the team was leaving this location, deputies noticed two men running out of a different convenience store nearby, Best Stop Quick Mart #1, with their arms full of merchandise. Deputies responded to find more than $16,000 in cash as well as numerous THC vape pens, chewables, Hookah Lit vapes, Kratom capsules, and assorted other illegal substances in their vehicle. The investigation revealed the men were the store owner and his employee who were trying to hide the illegal products assuming the police activity they saw down the street came into this business. Both businesses are owned by Khuller. A final search at Khuller's Ponchatoula-area home turned up more than $56,000.

Sheriff Gerald Sticker wants to thank the ATC for their partnership developing and closing this case.

FUN FACT

A situation in a chess game where every possible move is a bad one is known as ZUGZWANG.

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Campus Corner

By PABLO CREWES
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This week's Campus Corner sees the Southeastern Lady Lion softball team continue to retool for a run at a third straight NCAA regional appearance by adding three new players, including a pair with postseason experience. On Thursday, Coach Rick Fremin announced the additions of Katie Lott, Tyler Oubre, and Veronica Puckett.

Lott transfers in from a Texas Tech squad who played for the national championship series. It was the second trip to Oklahoma City for the 5'8 infielder, who started 16 games for Oklahoma State's 2023 team, who made it to the College World Series.

Ouber, a Destrehan product, returns to the Pelican State after years in Virginia at Liberty University. The 5'10 right hander went 2-0 with a 2.45 earned run average for a Flames team who reached the super regionals.

Puckett comes to Hammond from Daytona State College, where the 5'7 outfielder went .306 at the plate, scoring 33 runs and stealing 21 bases.

That brings the total number of signees to eight for SLU, who just completed the most successful season in school history.

To read up more on the new signees and all of Southeastern athletics, log on to their official home at lionsports.net.

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Tulane Football to Host Women's Clinic in July

By JOEL RAY
Tangi Times Sportswriter

Tulane Football will host its annual Women's Clinic on Wednesday, July 23, from 5:30–8:30 at Yulman Stadium.

The clinic costs $50 per person and includes a T-shirt, light snack, and drinks.

Those who attend will also get a behind the scenes look at Tulane Football.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in football teaching sessions from coaching staff, a weight room session, a locker room uniform photo shoot, and on-field drills coordinated by coaches and current Tulane football players.

Tulane Head Football Coach Jon Sumrall and his wife Ginny will also host an exclusive question and answer session.

Among the other festivities are a silent auction and shopping opportunities at local vendors.

The silent auction features a signed football from Coach Sumrall and New Orleans Saints Head Coach Kellen Moore, a Pregame Sideline Pass for the September 13 home night football game against the Duke Blue Devils, and an opportunity to have lunch with Jon and Ginny Sumrall.

Food for the clinic will be provided by Felipe's Mexican Taqueria.

Tangi Times Sportswriter Joel Ray is a member of the Louisiana Sports Writers Association.

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Our Wild, Wild World

By Kasia Perkowska

When Do Wild Babies Need Rescue?

In our area, we are blessed with a variety of wild birds, squirrels, bunnies, raccoons, possums, and other less common animals, such as foxes, flying squirrels, coyotes, armadillos, and otters. In cases where a baby animal is separated from its mama, the best scenario is for them to be reunited. Sometimes when people find wild babies, they decide to try to keep them so they or their kids can have the experience of raising a baby animal on their own.

Unfortunately, most of the time, the baby ends up sick, malnourished, or dehydrated, due to improper care. These babies often die in the process or get rushed to a vet to end up euthanized.

Most domestic pet owners do not possess the knowledge or experience necessary to raise a wild baby, like a squirrel, possum, raccoon, or bunny. Pet and feed stores usually recommend pet formulas, instead of instructing the individual to contact a wildlife rehabber and not attempt to raise wildlife on their own.

A lot of the time, baby squirrels who have fallen to the ground, as long as they aren't injure or covered in ants, maggots, or fly eggs, may not need rescue. If you find one, and you're not sure what to do, contact a wildlife rehabber and follow their instructions.

Baby squirrels can be successfully reunited with their mothers, who will often pick up their fallen babies and carry them back to the nest. Squirrels are amazing mothers and won't abandon their babies, even if they themselves are injured. In cases where the mother has died, other nursing squirrels may take on the responsibility of raising orphaned babies.

Rabbit nests are also common on our lawns during baby season in our area, and sometimes we may accidentally uncover the babies, then take them inside, believing their mama has abandoned them. This is not usually the case, and unless she has been found perished, she is most likely just out foraging.

If you find a nest of bunnies and are unsure whether they've been abandoned, the best way to check is to take a piece of yarn or string, create a distinct pattern over the nest, and take a picture of it. If the pattern is disturbed by morning, they are not abandoned.

Rabbit mothers nurse their young for as little as five minutes each day. They will typically visit the nest early in the morning and/or overnight. Their milk is very rich, allowing babies to get the nutrition they need in just a few minutes of nursing.

Rehabbers are trained in proper nutrition for baby rabbits, which is a formula extremely high in fat. Wild rabbits are not the same species as domestic pet bunnies and therefore should never be kept as pets. Most untrained individuals who try to raise these babies on their own do not succeed.

When in doubt, please contact your nearest wildlife rehabber for advice. Never leave any injured animal or bird on the ground, in direct sunlight, or on hot pavement.

Wildlife in need of help should always be picked up off the ground and secured in a small carrier, box, or cage with some scrunched up tissue paper. No food or water should be offered until you receive sage advice from a qualified wildlife rehabber.

If the animal isn't in need of help, it's easy to return them where they were found, but it's better to be safe than sorry. A rehabber will usually ask for clear photos so the species and age can be determined for the absolute best advice on how to proceed.

Wildlife rehab volunteers are always needed and appreciated, and sometimes the volunteers may also be present during releases of wild animals back to the wild. It's an amazing feeling! If you're interested in helping, contact one of the wildlife rehabbers in our area.

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